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## Ray Verne Beard

Funeral services were held for Ray Verne Beard, 74, of Lucedale, July 13, 1999, at 10 a.m. from George County Funeral Home Chapel.

A native of Greene County and member of the Baptist faith, he died July 10.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Beard; a daughter, Sharon Dunton of Lucedale; two sons, Darrell (Rachel) Beard of Melrose, Mass. and Devon (El Frieda) Beard of Germany; three step-sons, Truman Buckhalter, Mike Buckhalter and David Buckhalter, all of Lucedale; 11 grandchildren, Cindy and J.P. Byrd, Brian Buckhalter, Stephen Buckhalter, Brandy Buckhalter, Chris Buckhalter, Jason Buckhalter and Kelly Buckhalter, all of Lucedale, Steve Beard of Texas, Karen Beard of New Mexico, Martin and Stephanie Beard of Germany, Charles Dunton of Gautier and six great-grandchildren, Tyler Byrd, Conner Byrd, Chase Dunton, Chasity Dunton and Braden Dunton, all of Lucedale and Colon Beard of Germany.

He is also survived by two sisters, Melva Jo Tanner of Lucedale and Verdon Harris of Canton.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Cynthia Spears Beard and a brother, Nolan Lavell Beard.

Pallbearers were Joey Freeman, Tommy Freeman, Bill Parker, Larry Taylor, Brian Buckhalter and Edward Rich.

Interment was held at Magnolia Cemetery with Rev. Ruby Walters officiating the services. 7-15-99